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WISCONSIN FAMILY ACTION COMMENDS SENATE ON VOTES TO DEFUND PLANNED PARENTHOOD OF WISCONSIN

Madison – Wisconsin Family Action president Julaine Appling issued the following statement commending the Wisconsin Senate for passing two bills dealing with public funding of abortion providers such as Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin. The Senate passed Assembly Bill 310 which redirects federal Title X funds away from organizations that provide abortions and to other qualified health centers in the state. The other bill, Senate Bill 238, stops organizations that provide abortions from overbilling the state for drugs they buy inexpensively through a Medicaid program and then dispense. Both bills passed on 19-14 votes, with all Senate Republicans voting for the bills and all Senate Democrats voting against them. Assembly Bill 310 passed in the Assembly last fall and will now go to the governor for signing. Senate Bill 238 heads to the Assembly for a vote.

“Yesterday was a high-water mark for pro-life citizens in Wisconsin. For years we have watched millions of our hard-earned money go to organizations that provide abortions, the main recipient being Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin, the state’s largest abortion provider. The senate votes move us closer to stopping this outrage of public funding for organizations that collectively since 1974 have killed over 540,000 Wisconsin’s preborn citizens.

“We are very grateful for Senator Chris Kapenga’s leadership on both bills and commend Majority Leader Scott Fitzgerald and Senate President Mary Lazich for getting the bills to the floor and successfully passed.

“Allegations that the Title X bill will result in less access for Wisconsin women are absurd. Right now Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin has just 19 centers. When the state gets the \$3.5 million per year from the Title X program, more than 160 health centers dispersed throughout the state will be eligible for the money. That’s increased access. And nothing in this bill stops Planned Parenthood from offering any of the programs or services to low-income individuals. It just means they will need to find private funding if they wish to continue doing so.

“The bill stopping the overbilling for drugs will prevent millions of taxpayer dollars from flowing to Planned Parenthood just makes sense. They can still purchase and dispense the drugs; they just can’t gouge the state and taxpayer when applying for reimbursement.

“Wisconsin Family Action commends the State Senate for passing these bills. We look forward to Governor Walker signing the Title X bill and to the Assembly quickly passing SB 238.”

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